- 1 A It's a short form FCC application.
- Q Who prepared this?
- 3 A I did.
- 4 Q When was it prepared?
- 5 A It looks like August 19th, 1991.
- 6 Q Do you know why it was prepared?
- 7 A I don't recall.
- 8 Q Could you tell me how it was
- 9 prepared? Walk me through the steps you took
- 10 | to prepare this application.
- 11 A I don't recall specifically.
- 12 Q Do you know where you got the
- information from that was included in the
- 14 |application?
- 15 A I believe it came from the client.
- Q When you say the client, who do you
- 17 | mean?
- 18 A Reading Broadcasting.
- 19 Q Do you recall who in Reading
- 20 Broadcasting provided the information?
- 21 A Probably Mike Parker.
- Q Do you recall whether he gave you

- 1 | that information orally or in writing?
- 2 A It probably was in writing since
- 3 | it's fairly lengthy.
- 4 Q Then what did you do with it once
- 5 he provided the information?
- 6 A I prepared the application for
- 7 filing.
- 8 Q After the application was prepared
- 9 by you, did you provide a copy to Mr. Parker
- 10 for his review?
- 11 A Probably.
- 12 Q Then what would happen?
- 13 MR. GEOLOT: Then what did happen?
- BY MR. COLE:
- 15 Q I'm sorry. Then what did happen?
- 16 A I probably tracked the application
- 17 at the commission, the status of it.
- 18 Q Tracked it meaning what?
- 19 A Whether it was received, came on
- 20 public notice.
- 21 Q Ultimately got granted?
- 22 A Yes.

- 1 MR. COLE: Speaking of grants, let me show you this. We'll mark this as 2 3 Number 5. (Friedman Deposition Exhibit 4 No. 5 was marked for 5 6 identification.) 7 BY MR. COLE: I provided the witness and other 8 9 counsel with the document on Federal 10 Communications Commission letterhead dated 11 August 28, 1991. It's a form of sorts 12 addressed to Reading Broadcasting, Inc. and 13 it indicates that an Application File
- Would you agree that I've described that document correctly?

Number 910814KE has been granted.

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Q Does this reflect that the 316, the short form application we were just looking at, was granted on or about August 27, 1991 according to the upper

left-hand corner?

1 A Yes.

- MR. COLE: Let me show you a
- document which is covered by a letter dated
- 4 October 16, 1991. We'll mark that as
- 5 Friedman Number 6.
- 6 (Friedman Deposition Exhibit
- 7 No. 6 was marked for
- 8 identification.)
- 9 BY MR. COLE:
- 10 Q The first page is a letter from
- 11 Mr. Wadlow to Mr. Parker dated
- 12 October 16, '91 and it's accompanied by two
- pages, the first of which is a bill on Sidley
- 14 & Austin letterhead dated October 16, '91 to
- 15 Mr. Parker, and the third page is a listing
- of time entries. Are you familiar with this
- 17 | document?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q I want to focus your attention on
- 20 | the third page, which is the attorney time
- 21 | listings. Help me with this, if you, please.
- There's a column headed T-K-P-R. Does that

- 1 | stand for timekeeper?
- 2 A I believe so.
- Q In that column there are multiple references to initials PGF. Would that be you?
- 6 A That's me.
  - Q So time entries associated with PGF timekeeper reflect matters that you worked on; is that correct, and the time you recorded in billing for the client?
- 11 A Yes.

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- Q Can you interpret those for me,

  just interpret the first two entries?
  - A On September 3rd, 1991 it says I conferenced RCW regarding grant of transfer application, teleconference station re same and his entry is similar.
    - Q So essentially you knew on September 3rd that the application had been granted and you spoke with Mr. Wadlow in the station about it; is that a fair assessment of that?

- 1 A Yes.
- Q On 9/17/91 there's an entry which
- 3 reads, "Conf. RCW re opinion letter." Do you
- 4 | see that?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q What was that the nature of that
- 7 | work?
- 8 A I don't remember.
- 9 Q Do you recall whether it was
- 10 | related in any way to the grant of the
- 11 |application?
- 12 A I don't remember.
- Q Would your response be the same
- 14 | with respect to the 9/22/91 entry which
- reads, "Draft opinion letter"?
- 16 A Yes. I don't recall.
- 17 | Q The 9/23/91 entry, Draft opinion
- 18 |letter"?
- 19 A Yes.
- Q The 9/24/91, "Finalize opinion
- 21 |letter"?
- 22 A Yes.

30 1 0 Making progress. 2 Does the Wadlow entry for 9/24/91 refresh your recollection at all about the 3 nature of the opinion letter? 4 Α 5 No. 6 Finally, the 9/30/91 entry for you 7 which reflects a "Teleconf. F. N-I-C-E re opinion letter," does that refresh your 8 recollection at all? 9 10 Α No. Do you know who F. Nice was? 11 I recall that name. He's an 12 Α 13 attorney. But I don't recall anything else about him. 14 MR. COLE: Let me show you this. 15 We'll mark it as Friedman Number 7. This 16 17 will be very similar to what we just went 18 through. (Friedman Deposition Exhibit 19 No. 7 was marked for 20 identification.) 21

BY MR. COLE:

- 1 Q This is a letter dated
- November 15, 1991 addressed to Mr. Parker
- 3 from Mr. Wadlow accompanied by a three-page
- 4 document, the first page of which is a bill
- 5 | covering professional services through
- 6 October 31, '91, and then two pages of
- 7 attorney time entries, and these are Bates
- 8 stamped S&A 207 through 210.
- 9 Is this document familiar to you?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Please go to the third page, which
- 12 is Bates stamped 209, which is the first page
- 13 of the attorney entries, the third entry on
- 14 | that list is for 10/3/91 and it has PGF,
- 15 | which is you, correct?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q It indicates that there was a
- 18 | teleconf with at least two individuals "re
- 19 opinion letter and status of FCC license, " et
- 20 | cetera; is that correct?
- 21 A Correct.
- Q Could you tell me what that

- 1 | teleconference was about?
- 2 A I don't recall.
- 3 Q The first entry, 9/27/91, refers to
- 4 | a closing agenda. Do you see that?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Do you recall what the closing
- 7 | agenda was?
- 8 A No, I don't.
- 9 Q Do you know what transaction was
- 10 being closed?
- 11 A No, I don't.
- Q Do you recall seeing any closing
- 13 | agenda with respect to the 316 application
- which we looked at several moments ago?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Do you know whether the
- 17 transactions set forth in the 316 application
- 18 that we looked at moments ago were, in fact,
- 19 | closed at any time?
- 20 A I don't remember.
- MR. COLE: Let me show yo this.
- 22 | I'll mark this as Number 8.

- 1 Q Go back if you could to Friedman
- Number 7, which I believe is the November 15
- 3 | letter, and accompanying bill. Do you see
- 4 the entry for 10/15/91 for PGF?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Could you tell me what that says or
- 7 | interpret that for me, please?
- 8 A It says I spoke to Mike Parker and
- 9 Linda Hendrickson regarding the confirmation
- 10 garnishment of Aurandt's stock and
- 11 | conferenced another attorney here about
- 12 pledging security agreements.
- Q Who is Linda Hendrickson?
- 14 A I believe she worked for Mike
- 15 Parker.
- 16 Q Who is MLT?
- 17 A That was Margaret Tobey, an
- 18 attorney here at Sidley.
- 19 Q Is she still at Sidley?
- A No, she's not.
- 21 O So am I correct that this would
- 22 | indicate that on October 15 you spoke with

- 1 Mr. Parker?
- 2 A Yes.
- MR. GEOLOT: I'm sorry. You're
- 4 |asking just what the document reflects, not
- 5 her personal recollection?
- 6 MR. COLE: That's right.
- 7 BY MR. COLE:
- 8 Q That's all I'm asking you.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Do you recall whether Mr. Parker
- 11 advised you during that conversation that he
- 12 | had issued Reading Broadcasting stock on that
- 13 | day?
- 14 A I don't recall.
- 15 Q Now, if you could go to the next
- page on that. On 10/21/91 there are two
- 17 entries, one for you and one for Mr. Wadlow.
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Could you interpret those for me,
- 21 please?
- 22 A It says I finalized a request to

- 1 extend the consummation date and conference
- 2 Clark regarding the same and also spoke to
- 3 Linda Hendrickson.
- 4 Q What did you speak with Linda
- 5 Hendrickson about?
- A I don't recall the specifics. It
- 7 | says here regarding the status.
- 8 Q Do you recall the status of what?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q What does Mr. Wadlow's say?
- 11 A His says, "Conference PGF re
- 12 | ownership issues."
- Q Would that be the same conference
- 14 | that's referenced in your entry?
- 15 A I suppose, yes.
- 16 Q But you don't know for sure?
- 17 A I don't remember.
- 18 Q Do you recall what ownership issues
- 19 Mr. Wadlow conferred with you about on
- 20 October 21?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Further on down this page during

- 1 | the time period October 22 to October 29
- 2 | there are a number of entries which indicate,
- 3 for example, on 10/23/91 your entry reads,
- 4 | "Research re assignment, consummation,
- 5 garnishment of stock." Next day, "Research
- 6 | re transfers, garnishment of stocks." The
- 7 | next day, "Research re consummation of
- 8 transfer." Do you see where I'm talking
- 9 about?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Can you tell me what caused you to
- 12 | research those issues?
- 13 A I don't remember.
- 14 Q Do you recall what the nature of
- 15 | your research was?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q Finally, at the bottom,
- Halloween, 10/31/91, could you interpret the
- 19 PGF entry there?
- 20 A It says I spoke to Linda
- 21 | Hendrickson and Clark regarding the transfer
- 22 and I prepared for a meeting at the

38 1 commission. 2 Do you know who arranged for a Q meeting at the commission? 3 4 Α No. 5 Do you know who the meeting was going to be with? 6 7 I believe it was with Alan Glasser. 8 Anybody else? 9 I don't recall. Now, am I correct that the 10/31/9110 0 11 entry indicates you spoke with Linda Hendrickson? 12 13 Α Yes. 14 On 10/31/91? 15 Α Yes. MR. GEOLOT: Again, just to make 16 sure, you're just testifying to what the 17 18 document says as opposed to independent 19 recollection? 20 THE WITNESS: Correct. 21 MR. COLE: I appreciate that. 22 BY MR. COLE:

- Q Do you recall whether during that

  conversation with Ms. Hendrickson on

  October 31, 1991 Ms. Hendrickson mentioned to

  you that the evening before new officers and

  directors of Reading Broadcasting had been
- 7 A I don't recall.

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- MR. HUTTON: Counsel, I've been
  giving you some leeway here based on the LJ's
  ruling yesterday, but can you move back into
  the disclosure issue that we're supposed to
  be litigating?
- MR. COLE: If you have a problem,

  Mr. Hutton, you should feel free to call the

  judge.
  - MR. COLE: I'm going to show you a document which we'll mark as Friedman

    Number 9, which is document, first page of which is a letter on Sidley & Austin stationery dated December 17, 1991, from Mr. Wadlow to Mr. Parker followed by a bill

with Clark and Mr. Glasser?

- 1 A I believe so.
- 2 Q Do you recall anything about that
- 3 meeting?
- 4 A No, I don't.
- 5 Q The final entry as to 11/1/91
- 6 | indicates prepare transfer application; is
- 7 | that correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Do you know why you prepared the
- 10 transfer application?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q Do you know whether the preparation
- of the transfer application was related in
- 14 any way to your meeting with Mr. Glasser?
- 15 A I don't remember.
- 16 Q Do you remember where the meeting
- 17 | with Mr. Glasser occurred?
- 18 A I believe at the FCC.
- 19 Q Do you know how long the meeting
- 20 | was?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Your total time entry there is 2.5

- 1 hours. Does that refresh your recollection at
- 2 | all as to how long the meeting was?
- 3 A No.
- 4 MR. GEOLOT: Other than it had to
- 5 be less than 2.5 hours.
- 6 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 7 BY MR. COLE:
- 8 | O Who is Alan Glasser?
- 9 A Alan Glasser was an attorney at the
- 10 FCC.
- 11 Q What office did he work in?
- 12 A I believe it was the Mass Media
- 13 Bureau.
- Q Do you know what office in the Mass
- 15 | Media Bureau?
- 16 A Probably television branch, but I
- don't recall his title specifically.
- MR. COLE: Let me now show you this
- document which we'll mark as Friedman No. 10.
- 20 (Friedman Deposition Exhibit
- No. 10 was marked for
- identification.)

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BY MR. COLE:

- 2 0 This is an application for transfer of control of Reading Broadcasting, Inc. 3 application itself was filed, I believe we 4 all agree, on November 13, 1991 and was 5 amended by the cover letter, which we're 6 looking at, which is the first page of the 7 document I've just handed you, was amended on 8 9 November 22, 1991. I'd like you to take a look at this document and I'll ask you some 10
- 12 A Okay.

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13 Q Have you looked it over?

questions about this.

- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Is this the transfer application 16 that's referred to in the bill to which we 17 were just looking at in Friedman Number 9?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q For sake of convenience let's call 20 this a 315.
- 21 A Okay.
- 22 Q Not a 316. A 315.

- Do you know why this 315 was filed?
- 2 A No.
- Who drafted this 315?
- 4 A I prepared the application for
- 5 | filing.
- 6 Q Tell me how you went about
- 7 preparing the application.
- 8 A I made sure that all of the
- 9 questions were answered on the form and
- 10 organized the exhibits and prepared it for
- 11 | filing at the commission.
- 12 Q Did you yourself do the typing?
- 13 A I don't remember.
- Q Was the information put on the form
- 15 | itself by typing within Sidley & Austin, that
- 16 is, in other words, somebody at Sidley Austin
- 17 | or somebody else do the typing?
- 18 A Yes, yes.
- 19 | O Where did the information come from
- 20 | that was inserted in the application?
- 21 A The information came from the
- 22 client.

4.5 1 0 The client is who? 2 Reading Broadcasting. Would that information have been 3 0 communicated in writing or orally? 4 5 Probably both. 6 Do you recall any particular 7 written information that was provided to you in connection with the preparation of this 8 9 application? MR. GEOLOT: What do you mean? 10 MR. COLE: I'm trying to find what, 11 12 if any, documents she recalls having been 13 provided for her use in inserting information 14 into the application form. THE WITNESS: I recall a document 15 16 indicating the stock ownership of Reading 17 Broadcasting. BY MR. COLE: 18 Where did that document come from? 19 0 20 From Mike Parker or his office. Α 21 How about the information about

officers and directors, as set forth in this

- 1 application?
- 2 A That was provided by the client.
- 3 Q The information about EEO, which is
- 4 | included in the EEO section?
- 5 A Also provided by the client.
- 6 O Now I'm at Exhibit Number 1. Do
- 7 | you have that in front of you? It's
- 8 entitled, "Authorization of Auxiliary
- 9 | Facilities."
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Where does that information come?
- 12 A Probably from the client.
- 13 O Exhibit Number 2, which does not
- 14 have a title, but begins, "The instant
- 15 application requests consent." Do you see
- 16 | that?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Did you draft this language?
- 19 A I probably did.
- Q Do you recall where you got the
- 21 | information from to include in this exhibit?
- 22 A Probably from the client.

- 1 Q Did the client also provide you
- 2 | with the document of the bankruptcy court,
- 3 | which is attached to Exhibit Number 2?
- 4 A I don't recall.
- 5 Q In Exhibit Number 3, do you know
- 6 | who prepared that?
- 7 A I believe I prepared it.
- 8 Q You prepared this. Where did you
- 9 get the information?
- 10 A From the client.
- 11 Q Let me refer you to Friedman
- 12 Number 1, which is the Norwell application,
- and specifically to Exhibit Roman numeral I
- 14 | in that application. It looks like this
- 15 (indicating).
- 16 A Okay.
- 17 | Q If you could, please, compare, in
- 18 |particular, the language of the final
- 19 | paragraph in Reading Exhibit Number 3
- 20 | beginning, "Although neither applicant nor
- 21 | the holder, " with the final paragraph in the
- 22 Norwell exhibit.

- 1 A Okay.
- 2 Q Have you?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q The Norwell application was filed
- 5 | in July of 1991, which was four months prior
- 6 to November of 1991?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Does that refresh your recollection
- 9 as to whether or not you prepared the
- 10 | language in Exhibit 3 to the Reading
- 11 application?
- 12 A No.
- MR. GEOLOT: Well, perhaps you
- 14 should clarify what you mean by prepared.
- 15 BY MR. COLE:
- 16 Q I'm sorry. What do you mean by
- 17 | prepared?
- 18 A I organized the exhibit and took
- 19 | the information provided by the client and
- 20 prepared it for filing.
- 21 | Q I'm sorry. So let me go back. So
- 22 | you did not draft this?